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# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

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**A**s we enter the new century, the University of New Haven faces the challenge of competing and thriving in a significantly changed world of higher education. Technological changes such as the Internet, video, cable and satellite link-ups provide opportunities for new methods of educational delivery. Partnerships with businesses and for-profit companies give us the potential to better serve our target population.

Under the leadership of the *Commission on the Future of UNH*, we have spent the past year exploring ways to meet these new educational challenges. *The Commission*, which consisted of representatives from the board, faculty, and administration, collected data, analyzed information and reported their findings and recommendations to the university community. *The Commission's* strong and consistent view is that in order to keep pace with the rate of accelerating educational and technological change, UNH must be ready to make continuous investments in new curricula, information technology and knowledge management.

We have implemented several of the *Commission's* initiatives, but much work remains. If we are to invest in Web-based instruction at the level called for, we will need major decisions regarding programs and degrees, curriculum and course design, instructional methodologies, academic systems and student services delivery.

These are challenging times. As digital advances move us to focus on how best to facilitate learning, I am grateful to the leadership of UNH, including many alumni who were involved in the many facets of the *Commission's* work. Their commitment to our future will help ensure our readiness.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. DeNardis  
President

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## INSIGHT

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A special welcome to the parents of our new students. We hope you enjoy this complimentary issue.

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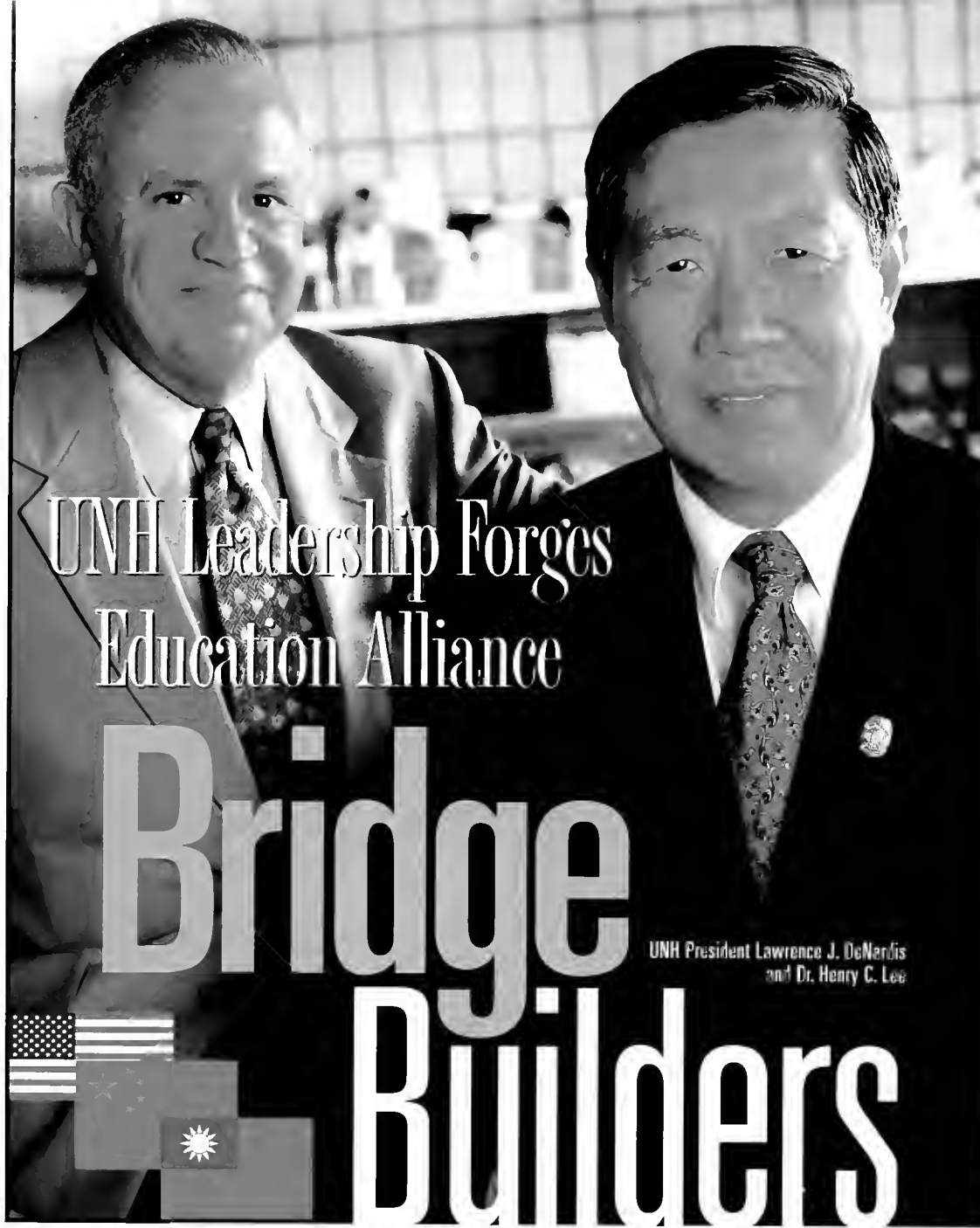
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This November, the University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit by a team representing the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges. For the past year and a half, UNH has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to

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Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution. Written, signed comments must be received by November 15. Please include your name, address and telephone number.



UNH has been a center for educational advancement for individual Chinese and Taiwanese students. The university has now been entrusted with the task of educating the current and coming generations of Chinese and Taiwanese government officials and business leaders. This was the agreement made following UNH President Lawrence J. DeNardis and Dr. Henry C. Lee's visit to mainland China last spring.

Accompanied by their wives, Mary Lou DeNardis and Margaret Lee, the university leaders traveled throughout the country and negotiated with Chinese leaders for the opportunity to educate those students who are likely to become prominent leaders in China's evolving world. It was

PHOTO BY GARY LANDSMAN

**T**he University of New Haven has earned its reputation as a mini United Nations. There are students representing more than 50 countries on campus any given semester.

The flag of each of these countries has a place of honor in the Student Center. Among them is the South African flag – proudly raised by a student who had only weeks before cast his first ballot in an election, the first time blacks had been allowed to vote in that nation. The Saudi Arabian flag served as a small reminder of home for a Saudi prince who received a degree in business administration last May after four years of study at UNH.

And now the flags of China and Taiwan take the spotlight. For more than a decade,

important for the Chinese leaders to meet face to face with university officials, DeNardis said. A signing ceremony was held to seal the deal.

Within weeks of that trip, Chinese and Taiwanese students began arriving on campus in large numbers. Thirteen government officials from Shandong Province (a major coastal province) arrived during the summer for five months of study in public administration and business. Twenty-three Taiwanese teachers took part in UNH's International Teacher Partnership Program – a three-summer, 36-credit program that at its conclusion, will provide them with a Master's degree in education.

Twenty officials from Shanghai visited in mid-July for two days of lectures on the regulation of business in a market economy. And 20 officials from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, which is similar to a province, are studying public administration. Each will receive a Master's degree in this field next May. With officials from Guangxi, DeNardis and Lee forged an alliance that will allow for the education of 100 Chinese students at UNH over the next five years.

## Educating Eastern Leaders

Lee, a member of the university's Board of Governors, said the collaboration with China will elevate UNH to major training institute status. "Now we're training leaders, not just individuals," Lee explained. "Their education at UNH really will help them, and that's a great contribution. So I'm really excited about working on the project. This relationship benefits all tremendously. It opens up a door or gate between the University of New Haven and China," Lee said.

"In the past, most training programs went to larger universities such as Michigan State, Cal State and Illinois," Lee continued. "It was very difficult for the University of New Haven to compete with such major programs. But on our visit we were able to see some key people, some very high-ranking people, like governor and cabinet-level people. Dr. DeNardis presented an overall picture of the University of New Haven and our strong programs such as forensic science, criminal justice and M.B.A./M.P.A. So we were able to convince the Chinese authorities to consider UNH as a training base in the United States," Lee said.

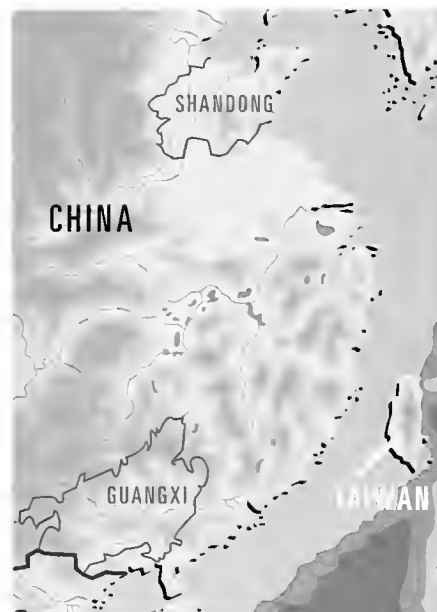
There were several factors leading to the agreement with the university. "We're fortunate that we have a strong M.P.A. program, that we continued to offer even as our M.B.A program rose in popularity," DeNardis said. "Both programs have great relevancy for foreign students."

And how do the new students feel about the venture? "We think America is one of the best organized countries in the world, and that's why we come here," said Fang Zheng Wang, vice commissioner of the Binzhou

Prefecture, or district administration, in Shandong Province. "And the University of New Haven is excellent. The people here, from the president of the school to the teachers, try their best to help us."

"We were sent here by the Chinese Shandong Province government in an attempt to learn public management and public administration," Wang continued. "We just want to learn how the American government is organized and how it operates. So that's what we really want to take back, that and the American culture," Wang said.

DeNardis feels we will see an increasing number of Chinese government officials coming here because they will be dealing with a matter that they have not had to deal with before – the regulation of private enterprise in their respective provinces. "All of China is moving in the direction of a more open economy. It will not be, as it was in the past, a state economy," DeNardis said.



In Shandong alone, there are 88 million people in a 59,190 square mile area. This coastal province borders the Yellow Sea.

Guangxi is a self-governing region covering 85,097 square miles just above North Vietnam.



"The People's Republic of China is in the throes of significant change," DeNardis continued. "China is moving toward entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), and that means that they will become part of the international community, at least economically, which is a big step. They will have to observe the rules of inter-

President DeNardis and Dr. Lee celebrate the signing of a five-year agreement with Chinese officials in Nanning, Guangxi on May 16, 2000.

# This new alliance will provide opportunities for future



## collaboration between the university and China...

national trade. That means government officials, not only in Beijing, but in the provinces, must be prepared for those changes, he said.

"This knowledge will be very useful for us when we go back to Shandong Province of China. It will help us with the progress of our economy and cultural education," said Qun Li, a member of the Standing Committee of Shandong People's Congress, Chairman of Shandong Youth Federation, and President of Shandong Youth Development Foundation.

China is starting to open up the economic market. In the 21st century, the Chinese are experimenting with business world governing. "They're trying to prepare their future leaders to have a wider view of the world economy and world politics," Lee explained. "That's why they want their future leaders to receive some management training – so they can understand the Chinese tradition and the western science and technology and culture."

Lee, who is viewed as an icon in his native China, has visited there every year for the past 20 years to provide training for the law enforcement community. Lee has had the honor of meeting the

premiere and the president and, last year, was awarded the Medal of Friendship, an honor not often bestowed. He has developed numerous contacts, which provided a bridge between the university and the Chinese government.

### Dual Roles

Lee said it was difficult playing dual roles in China, lecturing to law enforcement groups and serving in his capacity as a member of the school's board of governors to help DeNardis negotiate the contracts. But both tasks were facilitated by Lee's bi-lingual ability. "I don't need any person to translate or interpret. And I know the history of UNH, being associated with the university since 1975. I've been teaching at the university for that long and I know all the faculty, so it was very easy for me to whole-heartedly sell the university," Lee said.

"At the same time, I know the Chinese culture format and how to negotiate. Over the years, helping the Chinese government on training and solving cases, they

respect my opinion. So when we compete with other universities, although we're small and the resources are less than larger universities, we have our strong faculty and programs to accommodate them," Lee said. "And because of our size, we can give students much better individual attention," he said. "And an additional benefit to the students," Lee said, is that "they can claim they are my students."

### Rising Stars

Lee called the Chinese students at UNH "rising stars" in the Chinese worlds of politics and commerce. In fact, one man currently on campus has been identified as a future provincial governor. That's impressive, in and of itself, especially since UNH will be able to claim him and other future leaders as alumni, Lee said.

DeNardis put into perspective the importance of their leadership roles in their respective provinces by pointing out that provinces in China are larger than most European countries, in geography and population. In Shandong alone, there are 88 million people. The population of Guangxi is 45 million. "We're talking about educating public officials who are leaders or soon-to-be leaders of entities that are, by world standards, if they stood alone, very significant," DeNardis said.

DeNardis, a former U.S. Congressman whose expertise is political science, said he foresees the business and public administration education of future Chinese leaders fostering social change and strengthening the relationship between the U.S. and China. After studying at UNH for one or two semesters, it is likely the Chinese students will see the U.S. and its people in a more favorable light.

Not only are the students learning management skills, science, technology and computer technology, they are also learning about the American culture. Faculty members have invited the students into their homes so they can experience the American way of life. Professor Charles Coleman took the students to various municipalities in August, including a visit to New Haven City Hall where he introduced the students to local political leaders and showed them first hand how local government operated.

"This new alliance will provide opportunities for future collaboration between the university and China beyond the criminal justice and business curricula," Lee said. ●



# Note WORTHY

**Patrick Boisjot**, director of the Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts, in the School of Hospitality and Tourism, was highlighted as a Favorite Chef in the July issue of *Northeast Magazine*.

**Lawrence J. DeNardis**, Larry and his wife Mary Lou were the recipients of the Declaration of Independence Award at the Israel Bonds Tribute Dinner on June 2, 1999. Larry was also elected as a 1999 Notre Dame Knight of Honor (Notre Dame High School) and the Distinguished Service Honoree of the St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on March 4, 2000.

**Joel Marks**, philosophy professor, College of Arts and Sciences, has become a regular columnist for the *Philosophy NOW*, quarterly magazine for the general reading public as well as for professional philosophers. The column will be titled "Moral (and other) Moments" after the book of short essays Marks has authored titled *Moral Moments*.

**Michael Morris**, psychology professor, College of Arts and Sciences, co-edited *Current and Emerging Ethical Challenges in Evaluation*, published by Jossey-Bass as a publication of the *American Evaluation Association in the New Directions for Evaluation* series.

**Allen Sack**, director of the sports management program, School of Business, authored "Athletes Being Held Hostage in Mega-Bucks Industry," which appeared in the Street & Smith's *Sportsbusiness Journal*, January 10-16, 2000 issue.

**Ramesh Sharma**, mathematics professor, College of Arts and Sciences, co-authored the book titled *Symmetries of Spacetimes and Riemannian Manifolds*, with Professor Krishan L. Duggal, University of Windsor, Canada, published by Kluwer. He has also published two papers: "Addendum to: Curvature of Contact Manifolds" published in the *Journal of Geometry*, vol. 65 (1999), pp. 190-192 and "On Contact Strongly Pseudo-convex Integrable CR Manifolds" jointly written with A. Ghosh, published in the *Journal of Geometry*, vol. 66 (1999), pp. 116-122.

**David E. E. Sloane**, English professor, College of Arts and Sciences, was a guest speaker at Spiritual Frontiers 2000 in March 2000. The topic was "Space, Time, and God: A Messianic Jewish Perspective on Mark Twain."

## President's Coffee Hour Heading into Ninth Year

In his first message to the University Community in early September 1991, President DeNardis discussed his 'Students First' philosophy and the need for faculty and staff to improve communication with our students.

President DeNardis has held regular coffee hours for students over the past nine years. Students come to talk about personal issues, ways to improve college life, contemporary events, politics, sports and their career aspirations.

"These weekly meetings have been an effective way for me to stay in touch with students and student life," says President DeNardis. "It has been an important part of our 'Students First' policy."



Larry talks with students at a recent weekly president's coffee hour.

# La Vida Buena! at the 2000 Scholarship Ball

## Save This Date

Be sure to attend the  
18th Annual Alumni  
Scholarship Ball on

Saturday, March 31, 2001  
6:30 p.m.

North Campus Athletics  
Complex

A Latin paradise was the setting on Saturday, April 15 for the 17th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball "La Vida Buena!" The Alumni Ball Committee once again outdid itself in planning a gala event for all to remember. Guests enjoyed the music of "Eight to the Bar" featuring Latin, swing and big band jazz music. Latin culinary specialties were prepared for the cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception and dinner by Executive Chef Bill Apicerno and his staff of The Wood Company. Generous contributions from corporations, local organizations and the University community help to support the Ball. A silent auction included more than 100 items ranging from original artwork to weekend getaways to a private Connecticut shoreline cruise for 40!

The Alumni Association Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in 1984 to expand the funding avail-

able to provide scholarships. The interest that the fund generates is granted to day, evening and graduate students of academic merit and financial need. Nearly \$600,000 has been raised since the Ball's inception. This year's Ball netted more than \$45,000

with almost 400 guests in attendance.

Eight students were awarded scholarships this year. Recipients included: Mary Ann Hultgren of North Branford, CT and Patricia Jaminet of West Haven, CT from the School of Dental Hygiene; Katrina Kukla of Stamford, CT majoring in Dietetics; Kevin Palisi of Milford, CT specializing in Music Industry; Eric Peterson of Enfield, CT majoring in Air Transportation Management; Kimberly Recupero of Stratford, CT majoring in Business Administration; Loretta Swain of



Alumni Honorees pose with UNH President Lawrence DeNardis at the 17th Annual Scholarship Ball. (L to R): Ralph Durante B.S. '69; President DeNardis; Samuel Bergami, Jr. E.M.B.A. '85; Steven O'Donnell B.S. '82; and Thomas Reyes, Jr. B.A. '77

With economic growth on the upswing, the University of New Haven Southeastern campus is expanding its course offerings this fall. Curriculum will be expanded in the School of Engineering and Applied Science, the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Business. In addition, the Southeastern staff will work with New London-area businesses to establish educational programs based on their training needs.

Two new specialized degree programs will be offered at Southeastern – a specialized

## UNH-Southeastern Expands

Master of Business  
Administration  
"cohort" program

and a new Bachelor of Science Degree in general engineering. The "cohort" program, in which students start the program together and move as a group through the required coursework, allows students to establish relationships with classmates, learn from each other's experiences, and

North Franklin, CT from the Criminal Justice program; and Steven Winter of Bethany, CT majoring in Fire Science Technology.

The Scholarship Ball recognizes members of the UNH community who played important roles in their field and in the development of their community. Distinguished Alumni Honorees included: Samuel S. Bergami, Jr. E. M.B.A. '85, President, Alinabal, Incorporated; Ralph N. Durante B.S. '69, Vice President, Complete Business Solutions, Inc.; and Steven G. O'Donnell B.S. '82, Lieutenant, Rhode Island State Police. The Alumni Civic Award was presented to Thomas Reyes, Jr. B.A. '77, Assistant Administrator of Public Information, CT Mental Health Center. Co-chairs for this year's event were Sarah Miller-Brooks B.S. '93 and Ray Havian M.B.A. '78. The Alumni Award Selection Committee was chaired by Palma Pogoda B.S. '69.



help one another maintain motivation to stay in the program through graduation. The program will be offered on Saturdays and will run for 24 months. The Bachelor of Science degree can include a specialization ranging from electrical engineering to business administration or marketing.

"Raising Southeastern's enrollment is a top priority," says Jim Shapiro, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Career Development. To that end, UNH recently hired Michelle Mason as its new recruitment director. Southeastern Director Richard J. Farrell will establish new relationships with businesses and

## 4th Annual Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament held at Yale Golf Course

**T**he 4th Annual Alumni Legacy Golf

Tournament presented by the Alumni Association of the University of New Haven was held on Monday, August 21, at the beautiful Yale Golf Course in New Haven. Funds raised at the tournament are contributed to an endowed scholarship fund for deserving children of alumni attending UNH. Joe Nuzzo M.B.A.'90, 2000 Tournament Chair, said "Yale Golf Course is recognized as one of the finest examples of early American golf course design and we were proud to hold our tournament here."



Tournament Chair Joe Nuzzo M.B.A.'90 enjoyed a beautiful day and a great round of golf at the 4th Annual Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament, held August 21, 2000.

## New London Offerings

military institutions to develop additional out-serviced educational programs. For additional information on the new Southeastern programs, call (860) 701-5454 or 1-800-DIAL-UNH, ext. 7387.

## New Executive Master of Science in Engineering Management

**T**his fall, the University of New Haven will offer a new Executive Master of Science in Engineering Management (EMSEM) program, which can be completed in two years and is tailored for engineers and technology managers who want to update their knowledge and skills in business and modern manufacturing and engineering management.

EMSEM courses cover topics such as total quality management, supply chain management, operations research and simulation modeling, and more general-

ized business courses such as project management, financial management, marketing management and e-commerce and distribution. There will also be courses aimed at training executives to use state-of-the-art computer software for analyzing and improving business operations. Classes will be held on Mondays from 2:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Executive level degrees are aimed at people who have worked in and established themselves as professionals within their industries, said Linda Carlone, assistant director of the EMBA program at UNH. "These are motivated and successful people who want to enhance their careers and challenge themselves. The amount of experience they bring to the class is unmatched."

## Land in Wallingford Given to University



A five-acre parcel of land on Mansion Road was given to UNH by Anthony Papa, a local businessman. The land, located near the Masonic Home and

Hospital, has been described by the Biology/Environmental Science faculty as attractive for use as an environmental laboratory.

Signing of the agreement for the gift are, from right to left: William DeMayo, Gerald P. Ryan, Anthony Papa, Lawrence J. DeNardis and Thomas O. Terrace.

Cara Augello has recently overcome Hodgkin's disease. She is a senior co-captain of the women's volleyball team.



## Dean's List Reception for Student Athletes

Dean's List scholars and soccer teammates that gathered after the reception include: (from left to right): Sahar Rostami, Marketing; Joe Ferrucci, Hospitality and Tourism; Omer Daran and Orson Thom, both Business Administration majors.



**M**ore than 30 student athletes named to the Dean's List for the Fall '99 semester were honored at a spring breakfast celebration attended by friends, family, faculty and staff.

"Through this reception, we encourage and recognize our student athletes for their accomplishments in the classroom in addition to what they do on the playing field," said Debbie Chin, Director of Athletics.

Two student-athletes addressed the group. Cara

Augello, Sports Management, volleyball; and Elvert Eden, Communication, football/track, shared their personal stories and encouraged the students by their example. All Dean's List student-athletes receive a certificate the first time they are recognized. Subsequent Dean's List recipients are awarded other tokens of their accomplishments including commemorative T-shirts, sweatshirts, pen/pencil sets and leather portfolios.

# Judge William Webb

William A. Webb was among those honored in 1986 as a Distinguished Alumni. And he has continued to distinguish himself, having been sworn in last October as a full-time magistrate for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina.

Judge Webb is the first African-American to sit on the Eastern District Court. He graduated from the University of New Haven in 1971 with a degree in business administration. "I knew I wanted to go to law school. I didn't think it mattered too much what I studied in preparation for going to law school," he said.

While a business administration degree has no direct application to his judicial position, Webb said the business background has helped him in the courtroom. "One of the things it does is make you aware of some of the principles of economics. I'm more familiar with terms and concepts and principles that you see now as a judge handling civil litigation," Webb said.

"I don't think I can over-emphasize the degree to which my undergraduate education prepared me for the different positions I've held. I still remember people like Tom Katsaros who teaches history at the university. He was a very tough professor who challenged his students and gave me a model for rigorous analysis of facts, what they meant, and how you use them. David Brown taught me psychology. He gave me a good background in a subject matter that some people didn't find interesting. The education I received at UNH placed me in good stead both through my law school career and my professional life," Webb said.

After graduation, the New Haven native studied law at the University of Connecticut. He began his impressive law career as assistant district attorney in the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office in Pittsburgh, PA, eventually rising to the position of homicide prosecutor. He helped investigate the King and Kennedy assassinations while serving as senior staff counsel for the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Assassinations.

Webb returned to Pittsburgh as an assistant U.S. attorney, and in 1979 he became the deputy attorney general and regional director for the Pennsylvania Department of

Justice. Webb was also a commissioner with the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission — another Washington, DC post — before moving south to Raleigh. In 1986, he joined the U.S. Attorney's Office as assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina in Raleigh. He has been a member of the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, where he served as deputy secretary and general counsel, and was a federal public defender until his appointment to the bench last year.

And those judicial robes fit a lot more comfortably than he thought. "It's been a long time since I practiced civil law, and if I had any uncertainties about how I would perform, it was in that area," Webb said. "But I found out very quickly that the civil procedural laws are similar to the criminal procedural laws so it was a fairly smooth transition," Webb continued.

"The challenge of this work, whether on the civil or criminal side, is recognizing that the decisions I make involve real people, as opposed to abstract principles," Webb said.

Webb feels a great responsibility to ensure that the laws of the U.S. Constitution are faithfully applied. "You're always aware when you put on the robe that what you do has some significance, and reminds you you're there as an embodiment of justice," Webb said.

Webb is married to Allyson K. Duncan, a partner in a large Atlanta-based law firm in Raleigh. She was the first African-American woman on both the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Utilities Commission. They have a 20-year-old son who is majoring in history. Webb still has family in New Haven. ●





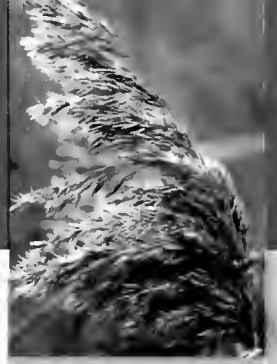
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# INVASION of the Phragmites!



**I**s phragmites a nuisance plant that should be eliminated from the Connecticut landscape? Does it hold some ecological significance by providing habitat for certain animals? These are questions Professor David Osgood is trying to determine with the help of several environmental science and marine biology students.

(*Phragmites communis*) A strong-growing, upright grass. The leaves, especially new leaves, are green, sharply striped with yellow. Will grow in shallow water; tolerant of brackish water. Spreads actively by rhizomes. Used in various regions for mats, screens, thatching, cordage, and food.



Osgood and his research team have been studying two sites — one on the Charles E. Wheeler Salt Marsh in Milford and the other along a portion of the Hudson River in New York — in an effort to learn whether the invasive plant contributes positively to the

It's difficult to hang an answer on a single year of study."



ecosystem or if it should be systematically removed.

The Connecticut portion of Osgood's research is being funded through a \$24,000 grant from the license plate program at the state Department of Environmental Protection. Based on preliminary findings, there doesn't seem to be any difference between phragmites and the plant species that have been choked out by the proliferation of the phragmites, Osgood said. The one-year study of the salt marsh began last September, but Osgood hopes to continue the research, with or without state funding.

"In reality, the project will probably go on for several more years. It's difficult to hang an answer on a single year of study," he said.

Osgood and his students go out to the sites twice a month before dusk, but don't begin taking their samples until

after dark. Most samples are processed in the field, although sometimes they continue their research under a microscope back at the university laboratory.

Tim Hoffman, a graduate student at UNH studying environmental science, is the newest member to join the phragmites research. He was grateful to be selected because it ties in to his work as research coordinator at the Connecticut Audubon Coastal Center, which borders the Wheeler Salt Marsh. Hoffman said the study will provide valuable information to the coastal center as part of its ongoing ecosystem study, and to the rest of the scientific community.

"You have to work on smaller projects to get the whole picture," he said.

Additionally, Hoffman said he hopes the study will give him a wealth of practical experience. More than he imagines, Osgood said. "Although this is considered pure research, it does involve management...it will help students move into management and policy," he said. ●



#### NOTE:

Also called reed grass. Although introduced by Europeans with colonization, the Native Americans recognized the plant as a food source and for its technological potential.

#### FOOD:

The seeds were winnowed and made into a flour for breads and gruel.

#### TECHNOLOGY:

Reeds were used to make woven frames for drying berries and were also used to make sewn mats for summer house cover. Western Native American duck hunting arrows utilized the phragmites stalk.

# FUNDING the Future

Dollars to grow on is a major concern as the University moves into the 21st century. Tuition, student fees and government aid don't even come close to covering the costs of operating an academic institution. The *Commission on the Future of UNH* has worked diligently to refine the administrative structure as well as the academic and student life agenda for the coming decades. Making these visions become a reality is possible only with the continuing support of the broad community of alumni, friends, corporations and foundations that invest time and financial resources to making it a success.

That community achieved a first in 1999-2000 – exceeding \$4.5 million in annual giving. These are the dollars that enable the University to live day-to-day – making it possible to maintain the campus and support staff salaries, and expand initiatives in areas such as student recruitment and retention, and attracting new, talented faculty.



The 2000 Seton Award winner Peter Lymn, (second from right) a recent E.M.B.A. graduate and a vice president at Aetna U.S. Healthcare, receives congratulations from President Lawrence J. Donnan and Mr. and Mrs. Fenmore Seton. The Seton Scholarship for graduate students in the School of Business is made possible through a generous endowment created by Fenmore Seton, an emeritus member of the University's Board of Governors.

## New Campus Center

One of the areas targeted for enhancement is the Student Center, which has served the needs of students for more than 30 years. Today, with nearly 5,000 students on campus, the dining hall, limited meeting and student club space and small lounges show the building's age both structurally and aesthetically. The Board of Governors has authorized Phase I of a \$4.5-\$5.5 million renovation to create a new Campus Center that truly will become the focus of campus life.

The Bartels Family, who have a long history of giving to the

University, stepped forward to meet the challenge, with a \$1.5 million incentive grant to begin these renovations. The UNH Alumni Association, whose offices will ultimately be housed in the new Campus Center, donated a \$150,000 grant to aid in the renovation process. When Phase I renovations are completed this fall, the building will be re-dedicated as the Bartels Campus Center. When completed, the Bartels Campus Center will feature comfortable student lounges, quiet study areas, offices for activities, conferencing space, a full-service dining room, expanded kitchen facilities and a new third floor.

## Program Enhancements

Several philanthropic donations have provided enhancements in academic programs, classrooms and laboratories.

- The first academic chair in the Forensics Institute was endowed by an anonymous donor making it possible to attract perhaps the finest practitioner in the field—Dr. Henry C. Lee—as its first incumbent.
- The Communications Department is now able to deliver state-of-the-art curriculum with renovations funded by the Mlock Family Foundation and the Daphne Seybolt Culpeper Foundation. Through their generosity, new office space, sound and editing rooms, a TV studio and a new lobby have been created.
- A gift from Southern Connecticut Gas Company enabled the Institute for Gastronomy and Culinary

# Build the Future





President Larry DeNardis, with the Scholarship Award Winners (L-R) Rondell Tyson, Maria DiVirgilio, and Ron Shaw, President of Pilot Pen.

## Pilot Pen/Donald R. Scott Scholarships Awarded

Maria DiVirgilio of Vestal, NY, and Rondell "Bo" Tyson, of Hartford, CT, were selected to receive the 2000 Pilot Pen Scholarship of \$2,500 each.

DiVirgilio is a criminal justice major with a 3.25 grade point average. She is a volunteer for the UNH admissions office and a member of the Forensic Science and Chemistry

Clubs, the Criminal Justice Association and Lambda Alpha Epsilon. She also serves as a mentor to students at Bailey Middle School in West Haven.

Tyson is a star football player (defensive tackle) and full-time student also studying criminal justice. Tyson has maintained a 2.7 grade point average.

Pilot Pen CEO Ron Shaw, who created the scholarship program, and UNH President Lawrence J. DeNardis awarded the two scholarships this spring. Shaw urged the scholars to "spread the word that there's no such thing as school being a waste of time. Tell them it helps you form your thinking and develop yourself and it opens doors to a lot of important places," Shaw continued. "The two of you are phenomenal examples of what I'm talking about."

West Haven native Tammi Baker was awarded the Donald R. Scott Scholarship.

"I always dreamed of going into forensic science," 22-year-old Baker said, "but I just wasn't confident I could do it." Instead of following her dream, Baker enrolled in the pharmacy program at her local community college after graduation. She quickly realized that to be happy, you need to be true to yourself. Halfway through her college career, she started all over, transferring to UNH's Forensic Science degree program. Now a third year student, she has maintained a 3.0 average.

An annual award, the Donald R. Scott Scholarship is sponsored by the University of New Haven and the West Haven Black Coalition, Inc. Baker will receive \$3,500 each semester until graduation. She will be honored on February 25 at "Pass It On," the West Haven Black Coalition's fourteenth annual scholarship and community awards dinner.

Arts to purchase new gas ovens, expanding the scope of training available to students.

- The George I. Alden Trust awarded a grant of \$100,000 for the acquisition and maintenance of biology laboratory equipment.
- United Technologies Corporation has continued its support of summer and academic programs in the School of Engineering and Applied Science.
- The Bayer/UNH Alliance, a \$1 million, 6-year corporate commitment, provides scholarship support, laboratory equipment, and unrestricted grants that were used to upgrade the athletics facilities. The investment was recognized last fall when the Admissions Building was renamed Bayer Hall.
- The number of endowed and annual scholarships available to undergraduates continues to grow. This year, donor sponsors include the Pilot Pen Corporation, Bayer Corporation, Herbert Pierce Family, Pfizer Corporation, UNH Alumni Association, Henry Nias Foundation, and the Fenmore Seton Endowment.

These financial champions have a stake in making the University a success. In the words of one of its donors, "The university has provided many wonderful opportunities for students from all over the world. We are proud to be involved in the university's development which will enrich our world's future leaders." ●

# FUNDING the Future

## The UNH Board of Governors

Governing boards serve their institutions in many ways — be it philanthropic donations, raising funds, overseeing budgets, guiding the development of the physical plant and student life, or interpreting the organization's work to its external publics. These volunteers are an invaluable asset to the University of New Haven. They give of their time, wisdom and support because they believe making a difference is everybody's business.

### The University's Board of Governors comes from:

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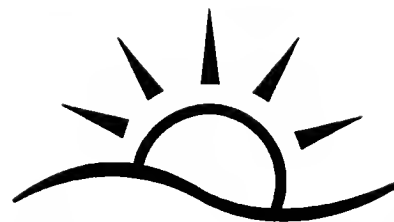
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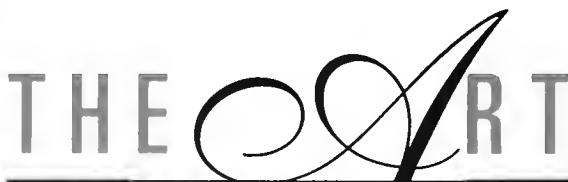
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## LEAVE A LEGACY

**W**hy is it important to have a valid will? A will provides for the orderly administration of your financial and personal affairs after your death. It usually prevents chaos and serious misunderstandings among the remaining family members and directs your assets according to your wishes — not at the state's discretion. And it allows you to continue to support your favorite charity.

Leave a Legacy Connecticut is a statewide collaboration of nonprofit organizations, professional advisers, and other community leaders established to promote public interest in chari-



### *There are many ways to give.*

With foresight, the advantages to both donor and university can be significant. The following are some examples of ways to give:

*Cash*, the most immediate gift, translates into instant use by UNH and may provide notable tax savings for donors.

*Matching gifts* enable businesses to match employees', family members' and retirees' personal gifts to educational institutions.

*Appreciated securities and mutual funds.* These gifts may be deducted at fair market value on the date of transfer to the university.

*Planned giving.* Pooled income funds, gift annuities, charitable lead trusts, charitable remainder trusts, bequests and gifts of life insurance are ways to

table giving. Part of a national initiative, its goal is to encourage people to leave a legacy by including a charity they care about in their will.

Leaving a gift through your will is convenient and beneficial to both parties. A will:

- expresses your current and continued commitment to a favorite charity after your death;
- does not require you to expend any current funds;
- allows you to maintain full control of your assets including the ability to revoke the gift in the future;
- provides the estate tax deductions; and
- is a private arrangement.

Act today and give forever. Your support makes it possible to continue to provide a quality education for deserving students.

Please call the Planned Giving Office (203-932-7476) for assistance.

## OF GIVING

donate through planned giving. Through this type of generous donation program, donors can increase their annual income, benefit from a tax deduction, and even avoid capital gains tax.

*Gifts in Kind* are tangible personal property gifts that can be donated to the university to sell or use for educational opportunities. Such gifts may range from library books to real estate to musical instruments or works of art. All donations may be given through outright contribution to the University or through a trust or bequest. Such gifts may have both intrinsic value or may be sold by the donor to provide a more immediate benefit to the University.

*For more information, contact the UNH Development Office at 203-932-7271.*

## Distinguished

President Lawrence DeNardis (right) greets Honorable Agim Mesho, Ambassador, Albanian Mission to the United Nations and featured panelist "A Forum on the Crisis in Kosovo and the Balkans."



UNH Provost Jim Uebelacker (center) with Chung Hsiu-Ming (Shirley) and Johnny Chang, Director of Information Technology in Taipei.

UNH First Lady Mary Lou DeNardis (left) with entertainer Mark Russell and Elizabeth G. Curren, '68, Society Editor of the New Haven Register, at the Shubert Performing Arts Center.



UNH President Lawrence J. DeNardis (center), and Mary Lou DeNardis (left) with Burt Bacharach, composer and entertainer, and Board of Governors member Robert Alvine and Joann Thompson at the Shubert Performing Arts Center in New Haven.

# 25 YEARS OF WOMEN

No person

in the United States shall,  
on the basis of sex,  
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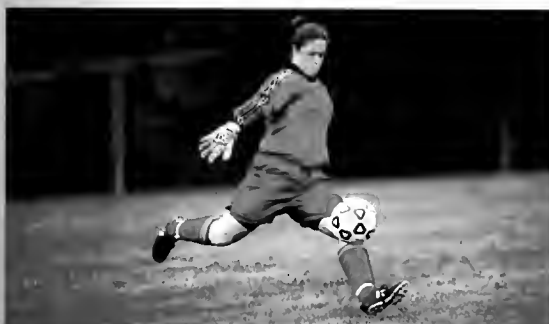
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Amendments of 1972 to the

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# IN SPORTS AT UNH



## THE PASSING OF TITLE IX IN 1972

and the regulations that began in 1975 marked the beginning of a new era at the University of New Haven, an era of successful women's athletics programs. At a time when participation in women's athletics was low throughout the United States, the University of New Haven took the first step in beginning what has since become one of the top Division II programs in the country. That era started in 1975 for the Chargers and begins its 25th season of competition with the 2000-2001 season.

Deborah Chin, the current Director of Athletics at the University, was hired in the fall of 1975 to begin the women's athletic programs. In fact, she coached the first four sports. Women's tennis was already a club sport at the University and would become one of the first sports along with volleyball, basketball and softball.

"I was hired to start in the fall of 1975 but I had to come in the summer to help order uniforms and get things ready for the season. We had nine women on our first basketball team and they all played more than one sport," Chin said. "I was very excited for the opportunity before me."

Entering the 2000-2001 athletics season, the university now boasts 20 varsity athletic programs, 10 for men and 10 for women. Chin noted that this form of equality wasn't the way things were from the beginning but the university quickly adapted to its new student-athletes and staff members.

"We had separate entrances for the men and the women, separate windows to the equipment rooms and there were actually doors downstairs separating the men's and women's sides," Chin said. "My office for the first week was downstairs in the women's locker room but they quickly moved me upstairs after the first week."

"The University and the Department of Athletics was very supportive when we started the women's programs."





One of the  
leaders in  
complying  
with Title IX,  
UNH has built  
a winning  
program.

"We had all the same support that the male teams had and when the time came for scholarship money we had the same as the men."

The University of New Haven was one of the leaders among schools in Connecticut in complying with Title IX. Carol Akin, then Director of the Women's Center at the university, was instrumental in hiring Chin and getting her position filled. The start of the women's athletic program was also used to increase the number of women in the University.

### Getting the Women Involved

"The male athletes were also very supportive, they were happy to share the facilities and they liked the fact that more women getting involved," Chin said.

New Haven was one of the first schools to come into compliance with Title IX and they did so in a very positive manner. When the NCAA tried to repeal the influence of Title IX,



Chin and the university were home to several rallies in support of the amendment. Schools from throughout Connecticut and New England gathered at the university and joined several other student-athletes on a bus to Washington to march on Capitol Hill.

### Now There are Ten

New Haven has come a long way since the early days when they competed in just tennis, basketball, volleyball and softball. The Chargers will enter the 2000-2001 season with 10 women's sports with the addition of golf and lacrosse this spring. The women's cross-country and track and field programs began in 1996-1997 and the women's soccer team began play in 1993 and is entering its seventh season.

"We are extremely proud of the strides we have taken in the last 25 years, we have certainly come a long way since the day of one person coaching every women's sport," Chin said. "We still have a long way to go but we are moving in the right direction and I am happy with the strides the university has taken in my tenure in the athletics department."

Chin has been a major factor in every step and is a true pioneer in the field of women's athletics. She has gone from successful coach to successful administrator and in 1999 was named regional Athletics Director of the Year by her peers.



This marks the 25th year of women's athletics at the University of New Haven, 25 years of success. In 1987 the women's basketball team won the National Championship, the only National Championship won by a team at the University. The women's volleyball team has been to 16 NCAA Tournaments making trips to the Sweet 16 all 16 times and the Elite Eight nine times including six of the past seven seasons. The numbers continue to impress when you factor in the women's athletic team posts an overall won-loss percentage exceeding 65 percent.

"We take a lot of pride in the success of our entire department of athletics," Chin said. "We continue to add new programs and they continue to be successful. That is something we strive to achieve for every one of our sports. Charger athletics have become synonymous with success and our women's programs have added to that over the last 25 years." ●



## Annual Athletic Banquet

The University of New Haven Athletics Department held its annual Athletic Banquet in April. Senior volleyball outside hitter Trisha Shea and junior wide receiver and track standout Elvert Eden were named the Female and Male Athletes of the Year. The award is presented by the school newspaper, the *Charger Bulletin*.

Shea became the school's all-time leader in kills this season leading the Chargers to the Division II Elite Eight in Michigan this season. The Chargers finished

with a 34-8 overall record and won 25 or more games for the 19th consecutive season. Shea led the team with 518 kills and 500 digs.

Eden was a standout both on the football field and the indoor track this year. He had 62 catches for more than a 1,000 yards and seven touchdowns during his junior year. He is fifth all-time in career receptions and receiving yardage and was an ECAC All-Star this fall. Eden is also an All-New England and IC4A qualifier in the long jump.

Senior basketball and softball standout Becky Snow received the Women's Faculty Award, awarded to a female athlete who excels in the classroom, the community, as well as on the playing field or court. Snow graduates with higher than a 3.7 G.P.A. and is the fifth all-time leading scorer in women's basketball history at New Haven. She is also a three-time All-NECC and All-ECAC selection in softball.

The department also presented its annual Robert B. Dodds Charger Award, given to a member of the community who has helped the Charger Athletics programs, to Dan Riccio.

Dan Riccio, accepting the Robert B. Dodds Charger Award.



Trisha Shea



Becky Snow

# Southern Connecticut Gas Cooks Up a Donation



Lawrence J. DeNardis with Sal Ardigliano, President & COO of Southern Connecticut Gas.

The Southern Connecticut Gas Company recently donated \$5,000 to the University of New Haven Institute for Gastronomy and Culinary Art for the purchase of state-of-the-art cooking equipment. The culinary program has used the money to purchase a 10-burner, stainless steel natural gas commercial range, two 60-inch ovens, a 60-inch broiler and a 24-inch griddle.

"We are extremely grateful to Southern

Connecticut Gas for this generous donation," said Patrick Boisjot, Director of the Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts. "Southern Connecticut Gas and the Institute are well-matched partners, since so much of what we do in food preparation relies on natural gas. This equipment will give students the opportunity to practice their cooking skills in a real, restaurant-style kitchen setting."

"We are pleased to provide the University of New Haven with funds needed to refurbish a major portion of its cooking instruction and demonstration facilities," said Sal A. Ardigliano, president and chief operating officer of Southern Connecticut Gas and an alumnus of UNH. Southern Connecticut Gas has become an active participant in other aspects of the UNH program, such as providing information about changing technology and purchasing energy supplies in this deregulated environment.

The University and Boisjot founded the culinary institute in 1997 to train students in the basic classical and modern techniques and theories of food production and handling through a hands-on and didactic education program. ●

## "GATOSTUDY" Healthy Gourmet

### *Salmon w/ Sour Cream and Dijon Mustard Sauce*

Serves 4 people:

1½ lb. of salmon filet, skinned

Sauce:

1 pint of non-fat sour cream

1 med. clove of garlic, minced

2 Tbs. of Dijon mustard

1 lemon, juiced

Dill (to taste)

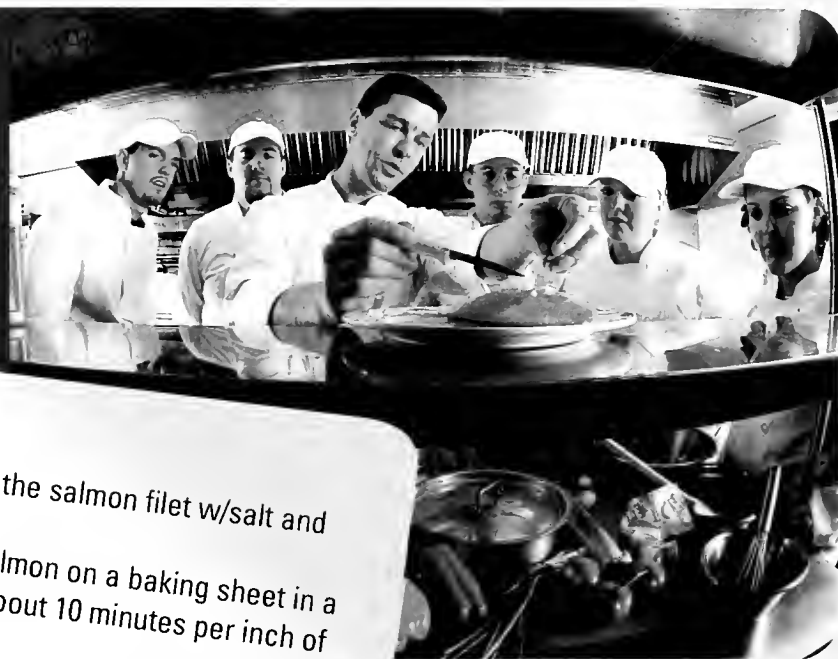
Procedure:

- Season the salmon filet w/salt and pepper.

- Place salmon on a baking sheet in a 450° oven (about 10 minutes per inch of thickness).

- While the salmon is cooking, combine sauce ingredients.

- Set the baked salmon on a serving dish, spread the sauce over the salmon. Serve immediately.



Patrick Boisjot, Chef/Director of the Institute of Gastronomy and Culinary Arts instructing students.

# Stephen Spignesi

**"M**y strength is in my ability to assimilate mass amounts of information and research material into something accessible, interesting and entertaining," says Stephen Spignesi, non-fiction writer and pop culture specialist.

Spignesi credits the University of New Haven with his ability to crank out three non-fiction books a year—even though he initially dropped out about nine credits shy of his bachelor's degree. The author of nearly 30 books left UNH, where he was studying accounting, in the mid 1970s to pursue his love of writing.

And while Spignesi was initially concerned that he may have wasted his tuition money at UNH, he now feels he received several gifts from the institution, not the least of which was a valuable education.

"The courses I was required to take all contributed to how I do my job. All the courses were very linear, logical and structured. I swear to this day that my meticulous attention to research, my ability to pinpoint facts and arrange them in a logical order, is directly due to taking science courses and math courses and financial courses," he said.

Professor Jay Halpern, who had just published his first novel, *The Jade Unicorn*, became Spignesi's faculty advisor for an independent study creative writing seminar. Spignesi enjoyed the class so much he began taking more creative writing and English classes and soon forgot about spreadsheets and balancing numbers.

Spignesi, 47, of East Haven, is considered the world's leading authority on horror master Stephen King. He is currently writing his fifth book on King and appeared earlier this year on A&E's biography of King. His *My Complete Stephen King Encyclopedia* is considered the bible of authoritative reference to King's body of work, which includes some 600 items. "And I've read every one of them," Spignesi quipped.

He also has written books on actor/director Woody Allen, actor/comedian Robin Williams, and the Italian 100, in which he ranked Italians such as Galileo and DaVinci by their contributions to the world.

Spignesi's *JFK Jr. Scrapbook* became a *New York Times* best seller within days of Kennedy's tragic death

on July 16, 1999. Eerily, Spignesi's birthday is July 16.

After the publication of Spignesi's first book, *Mayberry; My Hometown*, he received a call from a UNH dean who had reviewed his records. Realizing just how close Spignesi had come to graduating, the dean arranged for him to receive an associate's degree in finance.

Spignesi knew from as young as age 9 that he wanted to be a writer, but was misguided by a high school counselor who suggested accounting would pay the bills. "But, you've got to follow your bliss, as Joseph Campbell said. You can't just do a job and be miserable at it," Spignesi said.

He fondly remembers numerous afternoons sitting in his backyard, eating an apple, and reading a book, and his first attempt at writing satire, calling himself "obnoxiously precocious." His mother gently reminded him that satire and irony required several more years of life and living.

Spignesi excelled at English courses throughout school, and set his sights on being published by age 36. "That was my goal. That was my target year because my father died at 36. By the time I was 36, I wanted a book in the stores. And I was 34. I beat it by two years!"

Spignesi has been writing full time since 1990. He frequently uses the UNH library for his research. He has donated copies of all his published books and recently turned over to the library \$200 he found in a book there. Library Director Hanko Dobi will have to make some more room on the shelves. Spignesi is scheduled to have another seven books published this fall.

Spignesi's pending projects include books on presidential lore and a biography on Marconi, inventor of the wireless. He has written a fiction novel and a screenplay and would like to do more fiction writing. But "that novel was sweat and blood," he said. "Writing fiction is torture for me." ●





## Martin O'Connor

**W**hen Martin O'Connor sat down to chair his first meeting as president of the UNH Alumni Board of Directors, he assumed yet another role in his 28-year association with the University.

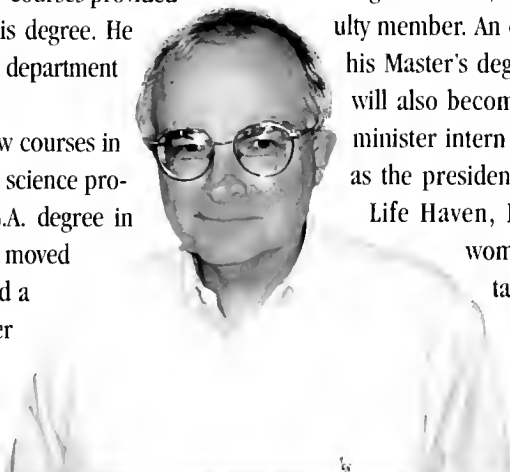
O'Connor first joined the Alumni Board of Directors in 1997 while he was still serving as chief of the New Haven Fire Department. In fact, it was the demands of his job with the fire department that first brought O'Connor to UNH, where the "swing shift" courses provided him the opportunity to earn his degree. He recently retired from the fire department after 30 years of service.

Although he took quite a few courses in what was then the fledgling fire science program, O'Connor received a B.A. degree in history in 1976. O'Connor then moved on to UConn where he received a juris doctor. O'Connor never practiced full time as an attorney. Yet he has found his law

degree to be of immense help to him in other areas. It opened up the opportunity for O'Connor to return to UNH as a member of its Public Safety faculty in 1995. He currently facilitates the internship programs in Criminal Justice and teaches the criminal justice pre-internship course.

O'Connor hopes to make the focus of his term as Alumni Board President the enhancement of student/alumni relations. Among the plans under consideration is an alumni ambassador program that would allow students to get to know alumni and to participate in Board activities.

During his tenure, O'Connor will continue as a faculty member. An ordained deacon and pursuing his Master's degree at Yale Divinity School, he will also become the university's first campus minister intern this fall. O'Connor also serves as the president of the Board of Directors of Life Haven, Inc., a shelter for homeless women and children, and as secretary of the board of the Office of Urban Affairs, the peace and justice office for the Archdiocese of Hartford. ●



UNH Provost, Jim Uebelacker, inducts new officers of the Alumni Association Board of Directors at the Board's Annual Meeting at New Haven Country Club. L to R: Ann Hogan-Evanko M.P.A. '93, Vice President; Jenifer O'Looney B.S. '94, Secretary; Thomas Durand B.S. '71, Treasurer; Martin O'Connor, B.A. '76, President; and Robert Smith, B.S. '85 M.B.A. '89, Vice President.

## New Alumni Board Officers Elected

**N**ew officers for the Alumni Association's Board of Directors

were elected at the association's annual meeting at New Haven Country Club on May 17th. Music by Orchestra New England pianist Susan Olenwine set the tone for a wonderful evening of dinner and festivities. A check was presented to University Provost James Uebelacker to help with Campus Center renovations. Outgoing President, Al Ferdinandsen, was presented with a gift on behalf of the university for his commitment and service to the university for the past two years. Outgoing officers Palma Pogoda and Marcial Cuevas were also recognized. John Jennings B.S. '82 and Lynn Cernola E.M.B.A. '91 were welcomed as new board members.

University of New Haven  
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**NEW OFFICERS:**

President	Martin J. O'Connor B.A. '76
Vice President	Ann Hogan-Evanko M.P.A. '93
Vice President	Robert E. Smith B.S. '85, M.B.A. '89
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Secretary	Jenifer O'Looney B.S. '94

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Ronald T. Urquhart B.S. '81, E.M.B.A. '90  
Larcina Carrington Wynn B.S. '85

# Golden Chargers March On

The Order of the Golden Chargers Third Annual Luncheon and Induction was hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations on Friday, May 19, in the Student Center on the main UNH campus. Edward Taddei, class of '46, served as the Chairman of the event. UNH President Lawrence J. DeNardis addressed the Golden Chargers, enlightening them on his recent trip to China and providing information on "what's new" at UNH. Beth Stubert, 2000 Student Council President, shared interesting insights on today's student body. UNH Golden Chargers reminisced about UNH college life in the early years and shared their "golden memories." New members were inducted as official members of the Order.

This year, in addition to the luncheon, the University extended an invitation to all Golden Chargers to participate in the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 20. Members of the Golden Chargers entered the ceremony with the current graduates and received special seating and recognition. This new aspect is intended to become a permanent part of the graduation ceremony going forward in future years.

Did you graduate from New Haven College in 1951? Yes? Well, we are looking for you! The 2001 50th Reunion and Golden Charger Luncheon will be held on Friday, May 25 and the Commencement procession scheduled for Saturday, May 26. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 203-932-7270 so that we can count on you at the May event. More details will be sent to the members of the Class of '51 in early 2001.

If you are a current member of the Golden Chargers, a prospective member, or know of someone who is, we would like to hear from you. Write to:  
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University of New Haven  
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West Haven, CT 06516.  
Call: 203-932-7270.  
Fax: 203-931-6020 or  
reach us by e-mail at:  
alumni@charger.new  
haven.edu.

Leading the 2000 commencement procession (L-R)  
Arthur Cohen '50,  
Howard Hornbecker '43,  
Quentin Hoyt '50,  
Howard Hopkinson '40.



## Alumni Club Report

### Greater New Haven Alumni Club

Greater New Haven alumni continue to be active with Cocktails and Networking socials. On February 1 the Club met at Tycoons in New Haven. Giancarlo Accettullo B.S. '77 hosted the June 6 social at his New Haven restaurant. Geppi's. Sunset cocktails and Corvettes were the feature at Amarante's on the water on Tuesday, August 8. The Tuesday, October 3 social



The Greater New Haven Alumni Club Cocktails and Networking social held June 6 at Geppi's in New Haven. L to R: Geppi's Owner, Giancarlo Accettullo B.S. '77; Jessica Hyde M.B.A. '94; John Jennings B.S. '82 and Dino Vagnini B.S. '68.

was held at Zine in New Haven. A Holiday party is planned for November 28 at 5:30 p.m. at Geppi's and includes a complimentary buffet dinner and cash bar. Reservations can be made by contacting the Alumni Office at 203-932-7270.

### Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club

Cocktails and Networking at the Groton Motor Inn on June 8 provided an opportunity for Southeastern CT alumni and their guests to reminisce and network. A



DpSail 2000 offered a wonderful opportunity for the UNH Southeastern CT Alumni Club volunteers to give back to the community. Volunteers included: L to R: Mary Ann Slomski, UNH Director of Alumni Relations; Sandy Abbagnaro and Christine Baker of UNH Public Relations; Carol and Alan Ferdinandsen B.S. '79, M.B.A. '83; Jim Brewczynski, UNH Events Coordinator; Carmine DeStefano M.B.A. '95; and Emily DeStefano.

clambake at the UNH Southeastern CT campus at Mitchell College was held Friday evening, July 7. Lobster and BBQ fare followed by strawberry shortcake provided a feast for all! Club members led by Al Ferdinandsen and Carmine DeStefano volunteered at OpSail 2000 in New London on Thursday, July 13 greeting visitors of the Tall Ships at Fort Trumbull. Cocktails and Networking social on Wednesday, October 4 was held at the Groton Motor Inn. A matinee performance of Peter Pan at the Garde Arts Center in New London will be Saturday, October 28. Please call the Alumni Office for ticket information. The next club planning meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 13 at Mitchell Hall (Administration Building) at the UNH Southeastern CT campus at Mitchell College in New London. All alumni are welcome.

The Southeastern CT Student Council and Alumni Club will hold a combined holiday party on Tuesday, December 19 at Seamen's Inne, Mystic.



UNH Southeastern CT Alumni Club's June 8 Cocktails and Networking social was held at Groton Motor Inn. L to R: Bob Smith B.S. '85, M.B.A. '89; Carmine DeStefano M.B.A. '95; Alan Ferdinandsen B.S. '79, M.B.A. '83; and Carol Ferdinandsen.



## Shoreline Alumni Club

A Shoreline Cocktails & Networking social was held on Tuesday, June 27 at La Luna in Branford. The Madison beachfront home of Ida Etherington M.A. '83 was the hot spot for area alumni and their families as they gathered for the annual Shoreline BBQ and Beach Party on Sunday, August 13. All in attendance enjoyed a day of beach fun and great food consisting of traditional BBQ fare complemented by treasured family recipes. The Shoreline Club is looking for volunteers to plan events for 2000-2001. Please contact the Alumni Office at 203-932-7270.



Bernie Diana B.S. '72 and Brian Haesche B.S. '94 were among the alumni at the Shoreline Club's June 27 Cocktails and Networking event at La Luna Restaurant in Branford.



The Southeastern CT Alumni Club held its annual clambake at the Mitchell College campus on July 7, 2000. Lobster and BBQ fare were enjoyed by all!

## Fire Science Alumni Club

A welcome breakfast for new Fire Science Director Bob Messicotte was held Saturday, October 14 from 9:30-10:30 a.m. in Eichlin Hall.

The Fire Science Club is looking to schedule activities for the upcoming year. Please contact club president David Beaton at 203-582-8402 or by

### Introduction of New Clubs

UNH is pleased to announce two new clubs: The Taiwan and Southwestern Florida Alumni Clubs.

For further information or to volunteer in planning club events, please contact the UNH Alumni Relations Office at (203) 932-7270 or e-mail at [alumni@charger.newhaven.edu](mailto:alumni@charger.newhaven.edu).

e-mail at [hernbeaton@aol.com](mailto:hernbeaton@aol.com) with suggestions or if you would like to assist in planning events.

## Criminal Justice Club

The UNH Chapter Lambda Alpha Epsilon (LAE) of the American Criminal Justice Association is hosting the 2000 Region IV Conference from October 19-22, 2000. Keynote Speaker Dr. Henry C. Lee, retired Commissioner of the State Department of Public Safety and renowned forensic scientist, will discuss "Crime Scenes and Forensic Science." Major Tim Palmbach,

Commanding Officer for the Division of Scientific Services, Connecticut State Police will also speak at the conference. Alumni volunteers are needed. Please contact Lynn Monahan, Associate Professor, UNH Criminal Justice Department at 203-932-7489 or e-mail [lae@unh@charger.newhaven.edu](mailto:lae@unh@charger.newhaven.edu). To view additional conference information, visit the conference website at [www.newhaven.edu/laeconference/](http://www.newhaven.edu/laeconference/).

# ALUMNI

## Class Notes

### 1943

Robert J. Caplow is presently residing in a retirement village in Walnut Creek, CA and is enjoying golf, video shoots, a beautiful climate and good health!

### 1969

Joseph La Rosa is retiring after 16 years as a regional supervisor of adult education based in Vernon. When he came to this country as a teenager he spoke no English. He has been involved in alternative education programs for teenage parents, students who have been expelled, and the credit program, all of which are designed to help students with issues that have forced them out of school for one reason or another.

James Moriarty of Danbury was a member of the very first New Haven College Club Football team. He played for two years. In one game against King's College, PA there were so few players and so many minor injuries, he played five different positions! Needless to say, New Haven College lost 0 — 60. We've come a long way!

### 1970

Richard H. Gesseck, CPA has been appointed to serve as chair of the Meritorious Service Committee for The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a partner with Ernst & Young LLP, Hartford.



Dr. Nicholas Perricone of Guilford, as assistant professor of dermatology at Yale, has spent the past two decades studying the causes of wrinkling. He has written The Wrinkle Cure, which details his anti-aging plan.

Brian D. Porch has been promoted to the position of senior relationship manager of business banking for the Hartford, New Haven and Waterbury markets of First Union. He is a former president of the Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Hartford Chamber of Commerce. He is an associate member of the Connecticut Tooling and Machine Association.



### 1971

Salvatore A. Ardigliano has been promoted to president and CDO for the Southern Connecticut Gas Company. He was formerly group vice president and CID and has been with the company since 1972.

Carl Blake is director of market research for MOSFETs and IGBTs at International Rectifier. He has authored several papers and has been featured as a keynote speaker at the Applied Power Electronics Conference.

Randy L. Pulito began his career with UPS 32 years ago while still a student at UNH. He decided to remain with the company after graduation, and has just been appointed to UPS's newly created post for international strategies. He and his wife will now be moving from Brussels to Atlanta.

### 1972

William A. Webb of Raleigh, NC was sworn in as a full-time magistrate judge for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina in November 1999. Judge Webb is a New Haven native and married to Allyson K. Duncan who is a partner in the firm of Kilpatrick, Stockton. They have a son in college.

### 1973

Gary Borla went to North Carolina in July to officiate the 1999 Special Olympics World Summer Games. He was an official at the cycling venue and had the opportunity to be in the lead pace car in the June 27 Opening Day 25K

Road Race. In September 1999 he went on an Outward Bound course in Leadville, CO, and spent a week as a member of an eight member patrol rock climbing, rappelling, white water rafting and backpacking/mountain climbing.

Tom O'Brien of Andrews, NC is president of Industrial Opportunities Inc., a non-profit community rehabilitation program designed to work with individuals with disabilities. IOI was started in 1974 with a budget less than \$27,000 — and now exceeds \$3 million. Tom has served on state committees advocating rights for the disabled, served as a board member for Murphy Medical Center, the Chamber of Commerce and on United Way campaign committees. He was chosen to be Grand Marshal of the Murphy's annual Christmas parade in December 1999.

John Savory of San Diego, CA is now fully retired after 2 careers: 25 years in the Navy Submarine Service and 16 years as a real estate broker and appraiser.

### 1974

Anthony P. Rescigno accepted a position as executive director of the Regional Leadership Council and president of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. Anthony has had 11 years of service as First Selectman in North Haven. He was also a manager at the former Plasticrete Corporation before moving into town government in 1986.

Charles J. Martin has been named Business Development Representative for Payton Construction Corporation in the Portland, Maine office. Martin brings twelve years of marketing and business development experience to the job. He previously served in similar positions for Wright-Pierce Engineers and Hoyle Tanner Engineers. He has achieved the rank of Certified Professional Services Marketer with the National Society for Marketing Professional Services.

### 1975

Gerald F. Dierman of Brooklyn, Connecticut has been appointed as administrator of the State of Connecticut Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund. The fund provides assistance to needy wartime veterans.

## Marriages

Thomas A. Neil, '82 to  
Jacqueline J. Zolot

Donna Bobeck, '84 to  
Michael Gillen

Steven J. LeClair, '85 to  
Lesley B. Gross

Robert J. Ramm, '85 to  
Heather D. Burrows

Douglas G. Simpson, '85 to  
Rae-Ann Legasse

Jeffrey Granato, '87 to  
Lori Johnstone

Robert J. Burbank, Jr., '89 to  
Lisa Marie Principato

Robert N. Tillotson, '89 to  
Eileen M. King

Carmen Grillo, '90 to  
Peter Fuhrmeister

Richard Muller, '90 to  
Meredith Hoeft

James S. Piccirillo, '90 to  
Judith M. Stannard

George J. Crisanti, '91 to  
Catharine A. Rich

Frank J. Tondora III, '91 to  
Janis Lee Symanski

Mark Culotta, '93 to  
Susan Krayeski

Tara Doyle, '93 to  
Gary Paul

David Kardas, '93 to  
Lee Anne Caruso

Alisa M. Maher, '93 to  
Dennis S. Lyons

Ginger Pallokat, '93 to  
Donald Betti, Jr.

Clementina Rafael, '93 to  
John E. Strell

Joseph Tiberio, Jr., '93 to  
Denise M. Sutphin

Giuseppe Cipriano, Jr., '94 to  
Rebecca Zucca

Michael A. Hansen, '94 to  
Andrea M. Lipka

Kristen Landgrebe, '94 to  
Ofer Dagan, '98

Don M. MacLeod, '94 to  
Holly Lynn Foster

Linda C. McCabe, '94 to  
Fred Robert Huber, Jr.

Michelle Tyrol, '94 to  
Gary Paul Bernardi

Karl J. Dale '95 to  
Juliet L. Conti

Raelinda Fernandez, '95 to  
Andrew E. Palo, Jr.

Letitia "Tia" Galpin, '95 to  
John F. Barker



Barry H. Hunter of Lempster, NH has been promoted to the rank of captain for the New Hampshire State Police and was praised for his 21 years of outstanding service with the division. Barry was presented with two "Official Recognition" awards by the division in 1992 and 1998 for his expertise in organizing the "N.H. State Police DARE Classic Road Race." As race director for the past nine years, he has helped raise more than \$50,000 for the DARE program, which help educate children about the dangers of drug abuse and violence.

William Lawson has been appointed deputy fire chief for the Middletown Fire Department, where he was acting deputy fire chief for six months.

B. Patrick Madden has been named president and CEO of Advest Bank and Trust Co. Prior to joining Advest in 1993, he was a vice president and client services officer with Fleet Bank and a senior vice president and manager of the trust and consumer division of Connecticut Savings Bank.

Andrew Theriault, a 28-year veteran of the Farmington Police Department, has been appointed Chief of Police for the Ogunquit, Maine Police Department.

## 1976

Patrick J. Healy, Ph.D. of Northford, has been promoted to senior vice president for finance and administration at Quinnipiac College. He is also a member of the National Association of College and University Business Officers, the Association of MBA Executives, the Society for College and University Planning, the American Management Association and numerous other organizations.

Michael Solakian, CPA of North Branford was recently appointed to serve as chair of The Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants Peer Review Committee for the third consecutive term.



Fred E. Tarca, Jr. of Branford has been appointed director of administration and project management for information technology at Quinnipiac College. He previously served as president of Pacific Numerix, an engineering software

company in Scottsdale, AZ and served in various management positions with IBM.

## 1977

Brian Condon of Cheshire was elected president of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Kidney Foundation. Mr. Condon is also a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Organ Bank and has been instrumental in the development of organ transplantation programs throughout his administrative career. Mr. Condon is senior vice president for Clinical Administration at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

## 1978

Ken Cooperstein, a sales associate for Weichert Realtors since 1998, has been honored for outstanding accomplishments for highest dollar volume. Prior to entering real estate sales, he was employed by Maggio Beef Corp. Ken is married and has two children.

Louis J. Crescenti for the last 6 years has spent the majority of each summer sharing God's love with underprivileged children in Russian youth camps. He recently performed a benefit concert to raise support for this summer's outreach. Louis is affiliated with Gateway Christian Fellowship in West Haven.

Steven T. Klemenz is the general manager of Cherry Hills Country Club in Cherry Hills, Colorado. He began his career as Sous Chef at Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club in Branford and progressed to manager in 1980. He left in 1982 to assume the club manager position at New Haven Country Club until July 1988, when he accepted the general manager position at the Hartford Golf Club. Steve was president of the UNH Alumni Association from 1994-96. He and his wife Dori have two sons and reside in Denver.

## 1979

Richard J. DeMayo has been promoted to the position of senior relationship manager — commercial banking for First Union National Bank. He is a member of the Unidas Club and the Farms Country Club and is a board member of the Walter Camp Football Foundation, the St. Raphael Foundation, and the Greater New Haven



Chamber of Commerce. He lives in North Haven with his wife and two sons.

Frederick J. Janel, Jr. has been promoted to director of eBusiness Systems, where he will be responsible for the technical management of customer projects that require special application database support and for eBusiness/Internet research and technical sales support.

Mohammad Shakiba has been named assistant professor in the Civil Engineering Technology Department at Alfred State College, Alfred, NY. Prior to joining the faculty at Alfred State, he worked as a highway engineer for the Maryland State Highway Administration. He is a member of Chi Epsilon, the national civil engineering honor society, the transportation research board, the American Concrete Institute, the American Society for Engineering Education and the American Society of Highway Engineers.



Arthur Williams rose through the ranks during a 32-year career with the Hartford Police Department and retired as Captain in the late 1980s. He then opened Williams Fine Art & Antiques in Barkhamsted.

## 1980

Thomas Acciusti is the new master sergeant of Litchfield's Troop L, where he had originally been stationed for 13 years, then moved on to a series of positions in other troops. Now, after a six-year absence, he's come back — but this time as a ranking officer.

Gary Cass of Westerly, RI was named senior vice president of coaching and consulting for Right Management Consultants. Prior to this appointment he was vice president of human resources for Fidelity Investments.

Judith D. Mercier of Newport News, VA co-wrote a book with her husband titled The Battle Cries on Home Front Violence in a Military Family.

Thomas Morrone has formed a partnership Morrone and Mirabella, Certified Public Accountants and Consultants in North Haven. Tom also holds the designation of

Terese Grigas, '95 to  
Dr. Ronald Romano, Jr.

Katherine C. McLachlan, '96 to  
Chapman C. Smith

Elyssa W. Birnbaum, '98 to  
John A. Walker

Caitlyn L. Moran, '98 to  
Gregg Jones-Henry

Robert Rydell, '99 to  
Judy Morgan

James E. Kelleher III, '95 to  
Kimberly DiPietro

William J. Breslin, '97 to  
Laura E. Phillips

Courtney Bryant, '98 to  
Brian Drechsler

Jessica Rinaldi, '98 to  
Dylan Lomba

Michelli A. Schunk, '99 to  
Kenneth A. Schmitz

James W. May, '95 to  
Sara E. Melillo

Beth Ann Harber, '97 to  
James R. Bucciferro

Gregory M. Carazza, '98 to  
Jennifer L. McEvoy

Peter A. Spath, Jr., '98 to  
Kimberly J. Redman

Melissa L. Sharpe, '99 to  
Thomas P. Whelan II

Christopher J. Mikiensis, '95 to  
Mariella Stravalaci

Aaron J. Hodge, '97 to  
Megan E. DeFonce

Robert J. Cyr, '98 to  
Jessica I. Cahoon

Holly J. Targowski, '98 to  
Gerald W. Bretthauer

Kathleen Wasbes, '99 to  
Jason Southard

Darren J. Oustaline, '95 to  
Carol-Marie Ryle

Jennifer L. Kulmann, '97 to  
Jeffery R. Gardner

Valerie M. Geremia, '98 to  
Jeffrey J. Galluba

Howard W. Ward II, '98 to  
Laura J. Geluso

Tanya M. Grant, '2000 to  
George P. Jones, Jr.

Terence M. Falcone, '96 to  
Tricia M. Alfred

Jennifer J. Monroe, '97 to  
Eugene A. McKechnie

Jennifer Johnson, '98 to  
Kevin Toole

Christopher B. Wright, '98 to  
Shaler McClure

Jennifer L. Hollimon, '96 to  
Brian B. Ward

John A. Sgroi, '97 to  
Kimberly J. Hunt

Hilary A. Lewiss, '98 to  
Brian S. Turano

Shira H. Pollack, '99 to  
Rolland A. Mandel

Andrew N. Matthews, '96 to  
Else D. Festersen

Michelle M. Miseraz, '98 to  
Mark H. Snyder

Certified Tax Professional and is recognized in the life and health insurance industry as a Fellow, Life Management Institute.

James R. Tucker was promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to the Patrol Division for the Portsmouth, NH Police Department. He began his law enforcement career in 1980 with the West Haven, CT Police Department before joining the Portsmouth, NH Police Department in 1986 as a patrol officer.

## 1981

Donald L. Helmandollar was in the U.S. Navy from 1956 – 1975, then became a partner with a start-up research and development company in Waterford, WV. In May 1993, he entered the ordination process in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut and has recently been called Priest-In-Charge of Trinity Episcopal Church in Bristol. He and his wife Frances have two daughters and a son.

William Porter of Monroe, a 17-year veteran of Kuchma Corporation is elevated to senior vice president. Most recently Porter has been leading the industrial and pre-engineered building activities at the firm.



## 1982

Steven G. O'Donnell of Smithfield, RI was promoted to Lieutenant and Commanding Officer of the Rhode Island State Police Narcotics Unit. Steve was also awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the UNH Alumni Association at the Alumni Scholarship Ball, which was held in April 2000.

Michael W. Toner, Electric Boat senior vice president, was advanced to president, becoming the first person who began in the shipyard and progressed through the ranks to lead the company. When he reported to work at Electric Boat in 1965, Toner recalled, he was one of 30 students taking a class while waiting for security clearance, and the instructor said they should appreciate the opportunities that were available to them – why, someone in the room might even be president of EB someday!

## 1985

Spencer M. Quintin, Sr., an Old Lyme resident, was named manager of The Marketplace at Crystal Mall. He was formerly a store manager for KB Toys of Connecticut and general manager of Quintin Country Stores, Inc.

## 1986

Richard Corcoran has been named chief financial officer of the VNA Community Healthcare, a shoreline provider of home care services based in Branford and Guilford. He most recently was chief financial officer and executive vice president for The Arrow Corporation in Farmington. He also served as vice president and general manager of Ketchum Distributors, Inc./OCP-America in Newington.

## 1987

Jack Barwis joined DAL Partners in Stamford, a national executive search firm, as senior vice president after 28 years of management experience with major corporations. He lives in Monroe with his wife and they are the parents of two grown daughters.

Marcial Cuevas is the founding executive director of the Community Action Agency of New Haven, Inc. He organized and built the agency from scratch to the \$24 million organization with more than 100 employees that it is today. Marcial has been an active member of New Haven's civic life. His contributions include Yale-New Haven Hospital Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the UNH Alumni Association, the Shubert Performing Arts Centre and the United Way of Greater New Haven. He was recently recognized for his contributions to Casa Otonal, an organization that provides a range of housing, social and cultural services to the community.

Jack K. McElfish of Richmond, VA was recently honored by The International Society of Fire Service Instructors with the George O. Post Instructor of the Year Award. Jack is fire chief/director of the Department of Fire & Emergency Services in Richmond. He is active in state, local and national fire service organizations and in various civic and service organizations.



Timothy E. Whalen has been promoted to account engineer with Cigna Global Property Engineering Services. He

is responsible for all property engineering services for the Boston property underwriting operations for New England states and New York. Tim resides in West Haven.

## 1988

Robert A. Lever has joined JLG Industries Inc. as managing director of financial services. He will direct all activities associated with providing a wide array of finance and lease programs targeted to meet customers' needs throughout North America, Latin America and Asia Pacific.

## 1989

Tony Gross of Shrewsbury, NJ has been promoted from senior product manager to associate director of marketing Prandin at Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals Inc. In his new role, he has the added responsibility of managing the brand's strategic planning process.

## 1990

Geoffrey Ice of Southbury, is now Director of Police Administration for the Greenwich Police Department after retiring from the Connecticut State Police.

Frank Petrucci presented "The Future of Information Systems" at the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Registry of Deeds Association on October 19, 1999. The focus of the topic was how the linking of public data on the Internet will serve the public and shift the roles of local and state government.

## 1991

Rick McEttrick has been promoted to senior vice president and general manager of Bic Consumer Products, a division of the Milford-based Bic USA Inc. Before his promotion, he was senior vice president of sales and marketing.

Jill McKeon has been named vice president of Internet strategy with SOLDOUT.com in Norwalk. She will be responsible for overseeing the development and execution of Web-based programs that collect and analyze a broad range of information from customer demographics and purchasing habits, to site usage and navigation patterns.

## New Arrivals



Lance Goulet, '84 and wife Guida of West Hartford, son Christopher born August 24, 1998.

Sandra Austin Goldstein, '88 and husband Brett M. Goldstein, '88 of Newington, son Jason born June 28, 1999.

Heidi Taylor Pitard, '88 and husband Charles of Berlin, MA, daughter Jillianne Virginia born August 5, 1999.

Jean Waldkirch Weymer, '91 and husband Patrick of Waukesha, WI, daughter, Isabella Rose born November 4, 1997 and son Alexander Patrick born September 10, 1999.

Christopher Garvey, '93 and wife Paula of Bristow, Virginia, son

Alexander Lyman born October 22, 1999. He was welcomed by his sister Catherine, age 4.

Jane Storey Leake, '93 and husband Robert, '93 of Madison, son Matthew Robert born June 16, 1999.

Christopher S. Cahill, '94 and wife Susan of Saint Paul, MN, daughter Meghan Sierra on May 4, 1999.

Kristin Gentine Strehlow, '94 and husband Greg of Plymouth, Wisconsin, son Zachary Earl born January 15, 1999.

Patricia Jessey, '97 of Branford, daughter Meredith Yan-Fang born March 20, 1998 in China, arrived home on November 25, 1999.

## Deaths

Anthony Cacace, '24  
William M. Cameron, '34  
Elmer L. Sarr, '35  
Edward Deyo, '38  
Louis P. DuBois, Sr., '38  
Raymond G. Winnick, '38  
Simeon L. Esposito, '47  
John Kerpchar, '48  
Morton E. Schnitman, '48  
John MacPherson, '49  
Frank J. Reilly, '49  
George N. Johnson, '50  
Arthur M. McNamara, '51  
Hubert W. Delano, '54  
Stanley D. Valickus, '55  
Thomas P. Harlow, Jr., '58  
George Grogan, '60  
Robert N. Brown, '63  
Biagio DiLierto, '63

Herbert T. Dahlberg, '65  
Thomas J. Abbenante, '66  
Gerald J. DeAngelo, '66  
William H. McCormick, '66  
Raymond K. Smith, '67  
Marie N. Wrinn, '67  
Edward F. Collins, '68  
Barry W. Holm, '68  
Michael Wixted, '68  
Thomas E. Casey, Jr., '70  
Charles C. Cwalina, '71  
Christopher H. Lee, '71  
Stephen T. Conti, '72  
Mitchell Hallock, Jr., '72  
Michael J. Ignatowski, '73  
Delight Merwin, '73  
Dennis M. Whalen, '73  
Robert Brayton, Jr., '74  
Edward Collins, '74  
Captain Edward Jackson, '74  
Lee A. Smith, '74  
Thomas J. Lynskey, Jr., '75  
Joseph A. Slogeris, '75

## 1992

Larry Bingaman of Newtown, has been appointed senior vice president, corporate relations and secretary of Aquarion Company. He is also vice chairman of Save the Sound's Board of Trustees and chairs its development committee, vice president of the National Investor Relations Institute's Fairfield County Chapter as well as vice president of the Fairfield County Corporate Secretaries Society.

Robert Carlson was promoted to National Sales and Marketing Manager of The Siemon Company, a growing telecommunications company. During his 8 years of employment with The Siemon Company he has received 15 patents as a mechanical engineer and spent the past 3 years managing the marketing department.

Herbert Emanuelson has been appointed account manager, advertising account service at Adams & Knight Communications, Avon. Recently, he was a member of the team that took first-place honors in the 1999 American Associates of Advertising Agencies' annual client competition in New York City.

Lesley A. Merena of Bridgeport was appointed director of nursing at the Sarah Neuman Center for Healthcare and Rehabilitation, Mamaroneck, N.Y. For the past 14 years, she was assistant director of nursing at the Jewish Home for the Elderly, Fairfield.

Vincent Quinn was promoted to the position of Planning Manager for three divisions, Circulation, Marketing and Technology for one of South Florida's prominent newspapers, the Chicago Tribune owned by Sun-Sentinel. His wife, Elke Bojes '91, is assistant vice president in the Republic Security Bank in Commercial Lending. They now reside in Boca Raton, Florida.

## 1993

James X. DiCarlo has been appointed to Chief of Police for the North Haven Police Department. DiCarlo is a lifelong North Haven resident who had been deputy chief for a decade.

Ronald C. Natrass has been appointed chief of the Stratford Fire Department. His appointment marks the

culmination of a 27-year career in fire service. Ronald has received several commendations and awards during his long career, including a departmental commendation from the West Haven Fire Department in 1987 for his command of a hazardous materials incident at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

Earl T. Young has been promoted to Executive Vice President of American Bank of Connecticut. As the senior lending officer, he is a member of the bank's executive committee and is responsible for the management of the bank's commercial and residential lending operation.

## 1994

Christopher S. Cahill Fire Protection Engineer for the City of Saint Paul, MN, is now a licensed professional engineer in the state of Minnesota.

Nicole Devaney attended Rutgers School of Law-Newark and received a Juris Doctorate with honors in May of 1997. In December of 1997, she passed the bar and is now practicing law in New Jersey, primarily in family law.

Matthew R. Moretti has opened a hobby and leisure shop called Hobby Corner of Agawam in Agawam, Mass.

Jim O'Brien of Philadelphia, a 15-year veteran with GCS Service, will now serve as the company's vice president of industry development. He will interact with OEMs, manufacturer representatives, and equipment dealers and distributors to enhance the value they receive from GCS service offerings.

Holly Wasilewski was recently promoted to Detective at the New Haven Police Department. She joined the department in 1995 and had been assigned to the Identification Bureau.

## 1995

James E. Cotter of Oxford joined the bank as senior vice president of retail banking. Most recently, Cotter was director of treasury management at St. Raphael's Hospital, New Haven.

Doug Dinkle has been promoted to the newly created position of field sales finance manager at Bristol-Myers Squibb. He will be relocating to Phoenix, from Stamford and will initially be focusing on the Safeway and Albertsons Team. Prior to joining Bristol-Myers Squibb in 1998, Doug worked at HMV Records as an assistant controller.

Felix Esposito, formerly of Stratford, has joined the law offices of Gary A. Friedle in New Britain as an associate. Esposito joins the firm following a yearlong clerkship at the Connecticut Appellate Court.

Burgess Harrison was named vice-president of marketing of REALTECH Systems Corporation where he is responsible for global marketing and communication functions for this leading Next Generation network engineering and consulting company. Before joining REALTECH, Harrison held several senior marketing and advertising positions for SNET and was also co-founder and president of StatChek, Inc., which was purchased last year by Computer Outsourcing Services, Inc.



Darren Dustafine is the assistant director of public works in Darien. He is a lifelong resident of Norwalk, and had been employed by Sterns and Wheeler as a project engineer.

## 1996

Sal Morabito P.E. has moved up to vice president in the project management area for Kuchma Corporation. Previous to joining the firm at the end of 1998, Sal spent 10 years as the City of Bridgeport Plan Reviewer.



Randolph Thomas was the 1999 Honoree of the Under 40 Award for his professional achievement and community involvement sponsored by New Haven Business Times. He is presently employed by Peoples Bank as a mortgage loan officer and resides in Orange.

## 1997

Kenneth D'Arinza a lifelong native of Norwalk, traded in a 19-year career in corporate America to become a fourth grade teacher in the Cranbury Elementary School system in Norwalk. He is making a difference in his students' lives, as well as his own.

Peter J. Decker has been appointed one of five new officers of U.S. Trust Company of CT to meet the area's demand for integrated wealth management services. Mr. Decker is a Cheshire resident.

Ann Kelleway is teaching second grade in a brand new elementary school in Bedford, MA.

Michael Ward is a social studies teacher and varsity softball coach at Belmont High School in Los Angeles, CA. He has also received The Distinguished Teacher Award from the Johns Hopkins University.

## 1998

Heather N. Bensen has joined the management staff of Association Associates, Inc. An experienced meeting planner, Bensen was previously employed as a conference services coordinator with Beaver Run Resort & Conference Center in Colorado.

Carissa Neubig was named chief operating officer of Gaylord Hospital. Previously she served as vice president of clinical services for the hospital.

R. Brett Stoebel has joined the Stamford Police Department, Patrol Division, designated to the districts of Springdale & Glenbrook. Brett is further seeking a master's degree at UNH.

## 1999

Tami M. Gambardella a North Haven resident, accepted the position of human resources representative at the Wallingford facility of Cytec Industries. Prior to joining Cytec, Gambardella was a personnel assistant and training coordinator for Yale University.

Michelle H. James was promoted to assistant vice president of marketing for Union Savings Bank. She has dedicated 20 years in the field of marketing for both profit and non-profit organizations.

Justine Stewart has been appointed field director for Scotland & Hoke County Girl Scout Council. Her responsibilities will include membership recruitment, volunteer support and the coordination of outreach efforts across the county. Justine previously worked in the areas of education and finance.

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John M. Marcoviller, '80  
Stuart Zausner, '80  
Dennis J. Coleman, '81  
Alex R. Fedorka, '81  
William B. Sullivan, '81  
Allyn R. Fitch, '83  
Lewis Frintzilas, '84  
Tony J. Keck, '84  
John P. Kowalewski, '86  
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Michael Cannella, '00



## Sleepout for the Homeless

With nothing but sleeping bags, cardboard boxes and the clothes on their backs, a group of University of New Haven students slipped into the shoes of the homeless May 6.

Nearly 30 members of the Delta Epsilon Beta Sorority and Delta Sigma Alpha Fraternity held a "Sleep-out for the Homeless" on the grass in front of Maxe Hall. The event raised almost \$400 for the Columbus House

Villanova University in her freshman year. She decided to re-create the event at UNH.

Madden, a 22-year-old liberal studies major from Upper Darby, PA, hopes the event will serve several purposes. "We hope it will open everyone's eyes to the problem of homelessness and provide some needed cash to the shelter," she said.

She also hopes the event will improve the image of Greek organizations on campus. "People think we drink and party, but we want people to see that we're really doing things to make a difference," she said.

UNH President Lawrence J. DeNardis, a former member of the Columbus House Board of Directors, praised the students participating in the project. "It's important that we at UNH remember that we are part of the wider community," DeNardis said. "I'm proud to see these organizations demonstrating their care and concern for the homeless. They continue in a long tradition of community service by UNH students." ●

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Emergency Shelter in New Haven.

Kelly Madden, who transferred to UNH three years ago, formed the Delta Epsilon Beta Sorority to address women's and children's issues. She had experienced a "Sleep Out for the Homeless" event while attending



The Business Leadership class led by instructor Pamela Sommers, Ph.D., took on a community service project again last fall.

Called the Penny Project, this effort raised well over \$300 for the Disaster Relief Program of the American Red Cross.

The students worked in committees to address issues including finance, marketing, public relations and research. They took on every aspect of the project from advertising, research, selecting a recipient, collecting donations, rolling pennies and writing to thank special donors.

"The Penny Project did more than just help people in need. It also showed business students how a well developed team works in real life," according to student Edin Botonjic. "In the future, I plan on becoming some type

of a business leader or manager. Working on the project taught me how a typical business works and how a leader should behave in crisis."

## Penny Project



Provost James Uebelacker, Sgt. Aleric Fox, UNH Librarian Hanko Dobi, Criminal Justice Professor, Dr. James Monahan, Dean of the School of Public Safety & Professional Studies, Dr. Thomas A. Johnson

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Donates  
Books to  
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## E.M.B.A. Program Continues to Offer Innovative Learning to Executives

The Executive M.B.A. program at UNH is one of the better kept secrets in Fairfield County," said John Harmon, the program's director.

What is the basis of its success? "When you do something for a long time, you get good at it," said Harmon. "We have built up a strong faculty base who is committed to providing business education which is rooted in the practical experience of real business life." Add to that the program's "cohort" structure and scheduling convenience and you have a winner.

The program attracts students from many industries and business types. "We have medical doctors who want to learn about business," said Harmon. "Our students come from Fortune 500 companies, not-for-profit companies, government, and small, start-up companies . . . this diversity adds to the breadth of classroom discussions."

Several innovative new courses have recently been added. The "Washington Campus," involves a five-day visit to Washington, DC, and a business simulation game in which students get to run their own company with real competitors and a chance to pitch for more funding from a hypothetical venture capital firm.

For more information on the E.M.B.A. program, call 203-932-7433.

UNH recently donated more than 25 boxes of books to help start up a new library at the State Police Training Academy in Mansfield.

Sgt. Aleric Fox, a staff instructor at the Academy, said, "We really needed a large infusion of materials to have a library at our new facility in Mansfield and we're grateful that UNH could help us out."

Hanko Dobi, chief librarian at UNH's Marvin K. Peterson Library, collected books from faculty and pulled duplicates from the university's collection.

# UNH'S Prize-Winning Electric Car Goes Hybrid



The School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) is the only engineering school in all of New England offering the same full complement of ABET-accredited engineering programs full-time and part-time, day and evening.

Mechanical Engineering represents a large diversity of pursuits including the analysis, design and testing of machines, products and systems essential to everyday life. Just about everything from sneakers to skyscrapers has been scrutinized at some point by a mechanical engineer. Mechanical engineers work in areas such as aerospace, utilities, materials processing, manufacturing, transportation systems, health care, telecommunications, oil and gas exploration and others.

A “cleaner, meaner machine” — that soon will describe the University of New Haven’s prize-winning electric utility vehicle, says Dr. Sam Brogan, a professor in the university’s Mechanical Engineering program. The car, designed and created by Brogan, Professor Bob McDonald and a few of their mechanical engineering students, is going hybrid this year. It will run off a combination of electricity and natural gas.

Why the transformation? Last year, the Southern Connecticut Gas Company offered to donate a natural gas refueling station worth several thousand dollars and a 1987 GMC three-ton pick-up powered by natural gas. This refueling station, the only one in Connecticut, was facilitated by Sal Ardigliano, the new president and chief operating officer of Southern Connecticut Gas Company. Ardigliano is a 1971 graduate of the University of New Haven’s mechanical engineering program.

“We were really very excited about the donation,” said Brogan. “We thought, wow! It’s clean, it’s safe, and it will give us much better efficiency and performance by linking the electric-charged engine with natural gas.” Brogan added that an electric motor combined with a natural gas conversion would provide constant and steady speed and ensure that the vehicle is perfectly warmed up — all with the lowest pollution level.

In addition, creating a high-powered hybrid will put the vehicle, which has successfully competed in three Tour de Sols since 1997, into an entirely new category and give it an edge in the media and in energy-efficient vehicle competitions.

The vehicle, first built in 1996, was made from a 1984 Ford Ranger, which cost the students \$1,000. It won several competitions — including honors at three Tour de Sol races and it has earned the respect of professional engineers and judges around the country. In



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the past three years, the electric vehicle team has made constant upgrades to the truck to make it more powerful and more efficient.

Jeff Twarog, a former student and the vehicle’s driver, said that power has been something that has set it apart from its competitors over the years. “It’s just a fantastic vehicle. Every year we’re able to tow more weight because of the changes we made. One year it even beat out a vehicle made by Porsche,” he said. “We amazed ourselves that everything we did worked. We had good ideas and we were able to do everything we needed to do inexpensively,” he said. His experiences working on the car also helped to land him a job at D-Star Engineering in Shelton. The conversation during his interview centered mostly around his work on the electric vehicle, he said. “That’s one thing most engineering professionals haven’t done themselves, so they’re very interested in it.” ●

**Highlights of the San Francisco trip include:**

- 2 nights in San Francisco
- a whirlwind tour of San Francisco including Fisherman's Wharf, trolley cars, Golden Gate Bridge, Presidio, Victorian Painted Ladies, Ghiradelli Square, Chinatown, the Cliff House, COIT Tower, Lombard (crooked) Street, and an evening tour of Alcatraz
- ferry to Sausalito with a lavish brunch on the bay
- 2 nights at a Napa Valley spa
- personalized winery tours and tastings at

Napa and Sonoma Valley

- tour of Marin Headlands including Fort Barry and the Point Bonita Lighthouse, Redwood Forest, Stinson Beach, and Olema Valley
- tour and deluxe lunch at America's West Coast Campus of the Culinary Institute at Greystone Castle
- meals at a variety of four star restaurants

The trip is open to alumni, family, friends, and faculty and is limited to 40 people. It should be a great time! For additional information, please call us at 203-932-7270.

# UNH Alumni Travel Program

## San Francisco Here We Come!!!

Interested in traveling to Spain or Italy? Start saving now! We're planning our Fall 2001 trip. Please complete the form below to let us know which destinations interest you. Our final destination will be based on the majority response!

The Alumni Travel Program is offering a weekend excursion to the golden gates of San Francisco, January 19-23, sponsored in coordination with the School of Hospitality and Tourism. Patrick Rowland, Assistant Professor for the school, and a double UNH alumnus, will be our guide. Patrick has been chef at some of New England's best restaurants and hotels.

As an enhancement to the San Francisco trip, Rowland and several local experts and wine vendors will conduct wine seminars at the Institute of Gastronomy in early January.

For more info on Patrick Rowland and the courses he teaches at UNH, visit his website at [www.newhaven.edu/faculty/mrowland/](http://www.newhaven.edu/faculty/mrowland/).

### UNH Alumni Travel Program: SAN FRANCISCO, HERE WE COME!

Please fill out and return this form promptly.

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**Yes, ☐** Count me in for San Francisco! Please contact me with additional information.

☐ I am interested in a trip in the fall of 2001. I would really like to go to:

☐ Portugal/Spain

☐ Winter skiing in the Alps

☐ Italy's wine country

☐ German OktoberFest

☐ Australia

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I am also interested in attending wine seminars in early January.

Forms can be faxed to:

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# 2000 - 2001 Calendar of Highlight Events



## 2000

Saturday, October 28, 3:00 p.m.  
Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club  
Peter Pan, matinee performance  
Garde Arts Center, New London

Tuesday, November 7, 5:30 p.m.  
Greater New Haven Alumni Club  
Cocktails & Networking  
145 Water St. Bar and Restaurant  
New Haven

Monday, November 13, 5:30 p.m.  
Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club  
Planning Meeting  
Mitchell College, Admn. Building,  
New London

Tuesday, November 28, 5:30 p.m.  
Greater New Haven Alumni Club  
Holiday Party  
Geppi's, New Haven

Tuesday, December 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m.  
Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club  
and Student Council Holiday Networking  
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## 2001

Monday, January 8, 5:30 p.m.  
Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club  
Planning Meeting  
Mitchell College, Admn. Building, New London

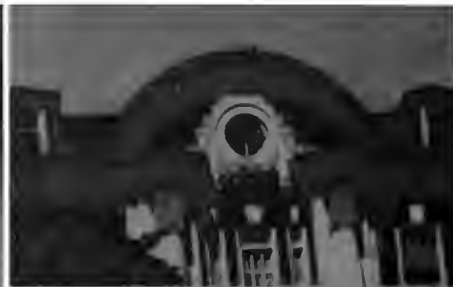
Saturday, January 13, 2:00 p.m.  
Winter Commencement  
Charger Gymnasium, North Campus

Friday, January 19-23  
Alumni Travel Program: San Francisco

Tuesday, February 6, 5:30 p.m.  
Greater New Haven Alumni Social  
Cafe Java, New Haven

Saturday, March 31, 6:30 p.m.  
18th Annual Alumni Scholarship Ball  
North Campus Athletics Complex

Tuesday, April 3, 5:30 p.m.  
Greater New Haven Alumni Club  
Cocktails & Networking  
F.J. Soleo's, New Haven



Saturday, April 28, 3:00 p.m.  
Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club  
Phantom of the Opera, matinee performance  
Garde Arts Center, New London

Monday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.  
Southeastern Connecticut Alumni Club  
Planning Meeting  
Mitchell College, Admn. Building, New London

Friday, May 25, 11:00 a.m.  
Order of the Golden Chargers  
Luncheon  
Student Center Lounge

Saturday, May 26, 9:00 a.m.  
Spring Commencement  
Order of the Golden Chargers Procession  
Viera Field

TBD, July/August, 12 noon  
Alumni BBQ & Beach Party  
Madison

Monday, August 20, 10:00 a.m.  
5th Annual Alumni Legacy Golf Tournament  
Yale Golf Course, New Haven



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